December 2. 1661.

By the CORPORATION of

TRINITY-HOUSE,

LONDON.

WHereas the Kings moſt excellent Majeſty *Charles* the Second, and ſeveral former Kings and Queens of *England*, by their Letters Patents under the Great Seal, have given full Power and Authority to the Maſter and Brethren of *Trinity-Houſe*, to make by-Laws and Orders for the good Government and preventing Diſorders in Navigation; and thereupon we the Perſons ſo Authorized by the ſaid Charter, have in purſuance thereof made certain by-Laws and Orders: *Viz.*

Item. It is Ordered, That if at any time hereafter any Mariner or Seaman, having firſt Shipped himſelf with any Maſter of a Ship for a Voyage, ſhall deſert and leave the ſaid Maſter, and Ship himſelf with another Maſter, that the Maſter with whom he goeth that Voyage, ſhall upon notice given on the behalf of the Corporation, detain Two ſhillings in every Pound of the Wages of the ſaid Mariner or Seaman for the time he ſerveth in the ſaid Ship, to be paid to the Corporation for the uſe of the Poor thereof.

If any Man ſhall Swear, Curſe, or Blaſpheme the Name of God, for every ſuch Offence he ſhall pay to the Poors Box —— 0 —— 0 —— 6
If any Man ſhall lie aſhore, not having the Maſters conſent, for his firſt Offence he ſhall pay to the Poors Box —— 0 —— 2 —— 6
For his ſecond Offence —— 0 —— 5 —— 0
For his third Offence —— 0 —— 7 —— 6
For his fourth Offence —— 0 —— 10 —— 0
And ſo to advance according to proportion ſo often as the ſaid Offence ſhall be committed.
If any Man ſhall be Obſtinate and Stubborn in not obeying the Maſters Commands, or any of his Mates, or Boatſwain, in the Maſters abſence, he ſhall pay for every ſuch Default to the Poors Box —— 0 —— 2 —— 6
If any Man ſhall tell a Lye, and be evicted of the ſame by proof, he ſhall pay to the Poors Box —— 0 —— 0 —— 4
If any Man ſhall abſent himſelf from Prayers, and not make his appearance at ringing of the Bell, he then being in health; for every ſuch Offence he ſhall pay to the Poors Box —— 0 —— 0 —— 6
If any Man be Drunk, for every ſuch Fault he ſhall pay to the Poors Box —— 0 —— 1 —— 0
If any Man ſhall be abuſive when he is Drunk, for every ſuch Offence he ſhall pay to the Poors Box —— 0 —— 1 —— 0

Item. It is Ordered, That every Commander or Maſter of a Ship that Ships any Marriner or Seaman to Sail with him upon any Voyage to Sea ſhall take it in Writing under his Hand upon what Accompt he is Entertained, and alſo that he doth ſubmit himſelf to the by-Laws of *Trinity-Houſe*.

Item. Whereas by reaſon of Powder being taken aboard Ships before their departing out of the River of *Thames*, and by keeping Powder aboard at their coming home in the time of their unlading: As alſo by heating Pitch and Tar aboard Ships, there hath often happened great Loſſes to Merchants and Owners, It is Ordered, that no Ships ſhall receive their ſtore of Powder aboard for the Voyage, above Four and twenty hours before they do ſet Sail from *Blackwall* or *Woolwich* directly for *Graveſend* outward Bound, upon penalty of —— 5 —— 0 —— 0

Item. That all Ships homeward Bound do put a ſhore their ſtore of Powder within Twenty four hours after their coming to an Anchor in the River, at *Blackwall*, or at the place where they uſually unlade their Goods, if the Weather ſhall permit; and that they unſhot all their Guns, upon penalty for every ſuch Offence to forfeit to the uſe of the Poor of the Corporation —— 0 —— 13 —— 4

Item. That no manner of Pitch, Tar, or Rozen be heat aboard any Ships, Barks, or Hoyes over any Fire, but with a Shot or other Iron, upon penalty of paying to the Poor of the Corporation —— 3 —— 0 —— 0

Item. That all Maſters ſhall cauſe their Bread-Rooms to be dryed, and appoint able and ſufficient Men to take care of the ſame, and not to keep any Fire in their Bread-Rooms in the Night time, upon penalty of —— 5 —— 0 —— 0

Item. Whereas by occaſion of Dirt-Boats, which carry Fruit, Wine and Strong-Waters to ſell to Ship-Keepers and others aboard Ships, there is much wrong done to the Owners in the purloyning of Cordage and other Materials, It is therefore Ordered, that all Maſters of Ships for the preventing of the Evils aforeſaid, do from henceforth give Order to their Servants, that no Dirt-Boats be permitted to paſs in the River to have recourſe to any Ships; and all Commanders of Ships are hereby enjoyned once a Week to order the Saylers to put the Dirt into their own Boats at ſeaſonable hours in the Day, and to lay it on ſhore, and not to buy nor ſell any thing with them: And upon ſuch default of notice by the Maſter or Commander, or if any Dirt or Filth ſhall be thrown into the River, every ſuch Commander ſhall pay to the uſe of the Corporation, *toties quoties*, —— 1 —— 0 —— 0

Item And every Sailer or Servant for every neglect of his Duty therein, upon warning as aforeſaid, ſhall receive Corporal puniſhment from his Commander; or in default thereof, the Commander ſhall pay the Sum of —— 1 —— 0 —— 0

Item. It is Ordered, That all Maſters of Ships ſhall have a particular Copy of the by-Laws of the ſaid Corporation, they paying the Clerk for Copies thereof, to the end they may be the better known and obſerved.

But if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be found Offenders againſt the above mentioned by-Lawes and Orders, it ſhall then be left to the Liberty of the Commander of the Ship, with the advice and conſent of his Officers, either to inflict Corporal puniſhment, or receive and take the penalties aforeſaid, for their breach of the ſaid Laws before named: But if it ſhall happen that the ſaid Perſon or Perſons have not preſent Money to ſatisfie what is Ordered for their Offence, then it may be required, that he or they ſubſcribe their Names to the Purſer's Book, that it may be defaulked out of their Wages next Pay Day following.

JAMES ASKEW,
Clerk to the Corporation.

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